GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:825
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if sor the details thereof;

(c) whether Department of Personnel & Training has since reviewed or withdrawn its On dated 14.7.1981;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the same shall be reviewed/withdrawn positively?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

(a) and (b) The Unstarred Question No. 4136 answered on 9th August, 2002 sought informationregarding Purchase of Stores from Kendriya Bhandar. Kendriya Bhandar, being under the administrative control of Department of Personnel & Training (DOP&T), the responsibility of collecting the information as envisaged in part (g) to
(i) of the Question No. 4136 was transferred to DOP&T by this Ministry, which has since been accepted by them.

(c) to (e) With a view to promote cooperative movement, Department of Personnel &Training (DO P &T) in consultation with this Ministry had issued an Order dated 14.7.1981 which made it incumbent on all Central Government Departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organisations financed and/or controlled by Government to make all local purchases of stationery and other items only from Kendriya Bhandar in relaxation of the procedure of inviting tenders/ quotations prescribed in GFRs.

Keeping in view the ongoing policy of liberalisation of the economy and the emphasis on making Govt. organisations competitive and self-striving, the question of reviewing the existing special dispensation given to Kendriya Bhandar, Super Bazar and NCCF has been considered and the DOP&T was requested to review their O.M. dated 14.7.1981 and issuerevised instructions providing for adherence to the provisions of GFRs with suitablesafeguards for protecting the interest of the three cooperatives. However, these revised instructions were not issued since DOP&T decided to hold inter-Ministerial consultations.Any decision in the matter can be taken only after Inter-Ministerial deliberations and decisions thereon.